

MORE ROOM WANTED.

DEMAND FOR HOMES GREATER THAN THE SUPPLY.

A Situation Which Would be Remedied by Annexation--Talks With Persons Interested in the Question in Both Ways--Improvements.

Homes in Richmond for working people and for people in moderate circumstances are scarce.

Houses in that portion of the city known as the Central district are rented as soon as completed, if not sooner.

If the old ones are vacated the arguable house-hunter is keeping wary watch, and will at once make terms with the agent for the rental of the same.

On the part of the public the situation is not much better. Houses are immediately rented when vacated, and all the real estate men agree that there are not enough houses in the latter locality for new tenants moving into Richmond.

There are great many of these people, Richmond being a large city, the influx of several hundred new people in three or four months making their homes here, is noticed but very little. But the agents have some secure houses, the real estate men become better acquainted with the status of affairs. The greater portion of the people are in what may be termed moderate circumstances, and make excellent citizens. Their beings being too high in the social position, their only hope is a distance away from the mart of trade. Thus it is that houses are rented as soon as they are erected, and it is very often the case that houses are engaged before the roof is up.

In view of these conditions, values are computed to increase when the demand is greater than the supply, and in business in Richmond is that fact better established than in dwelling houses; there are many large houses that can be rented, but few, if any, about six or eight rooms, are the ones in demand, and such investments will prove to be profitable ones.

The best solution of the problem, however, is the extension of the city. To this move, however, how could be built on what is now the suburbs, and the tenancy could get the benefits of gas, water, police, and fire protection.

From talks with real estate men it was gleaned yesterday that this fall; that she was awaiting to her new era of progress, and that before the year 1891 excellent developments would be made throughout the city.

Several were asked yesterday--Why rents were so high in Richmond? and if the city limits were extended, would such a move create better renting rates for tenants? Following are some of the replies received:

THE EAST END.

The Improvements Made and in Progress In That Portion of the City.

A walk through the East end of the city will disclose the fact that the spirit of improvement has taken a strong hold in that section of the city. New houses are being put up rapidly, and in fact over one-half of them are some of those houses which have been built with a special view to renting them out cheap, to men of moderate means.

The East End has some of the most comfortable and cosy looking houses that are to be found in the city.

This new church, which, when completed, will be the largest in the city, is under construction.

The Grace-Streed Baptist people are building a new church, which, when completed, will be the largest in the city.

The Presbyterian Methodists, Episcopalians and Catholics are also building new churches in this part of Richmond.

Similar building improvements are going on Grove, Park and Floyd avenues and West Main street.

THE CITY'S HEALTH.

Commentation of "The Times" Efforts to This End.

Observer writes to THE TIMES as follows:

"THE TIMES is doing good work in calling the attention of the public to the disgraceful condition of the city. In this case, the devoured, gorged, gorged, gorged yards, in which flowers and shrubbery flourish; and, besides, there are domestic back yards that are hardly for domestic purposes giving one plenty of breathing space. These things make the private residence of all times. People are constantly moving in the city, and want just such houses and very frequently here and there an application is had. You can readily see that such a state of affairs tends to increase the rent of the average city dwelling."

MR. A. H. GURION.

The rental value in Richmond are, so high, in my judgment, because, until the last year or two, capitalists here have not confidence in Richmond's progress, and sent their money elsewhere for investment.

It is a noteworthy fact that until late there were only two or three Richmond men who owned a half dozen houses each, of any sort. Now that Richmond has shown its desire to follow the example of foreign capital, and expand itself in safe and profitable improvements here, I think we may safely anticipate a full supply of desirable houses for the working people, and those moderately well-to-do, and in fact over one-half of those houses will be built with a special view to renting them out cheap, to men of moderate means.

The Seven Pines and Richmond City railroad has done a great deal towards developing the growth of the East End. The road has become a paying institution, and attracts the attention of the public. The present branch, the butchers, solely for the length of a few property-owners who wish to market their property at appreciated values. Do the facts warrant this conclusion?

As this question has been taken up in a manner which shows a determination on the part of the public to settle the question, let us prepare the case so that each point may be properly discussed:

"Slaughering of cattle, the rendering of lard, boiling bones, rendering and kindred works are treated as nuisances, and by all cities under strict regulation to prevent danger to the public health."

The growth of Richmond makes the extension of the territory controlled by the Board of Health a necessity.

"Slaughering cattle as now conducted about Richmond is a cause of much disease."

It causes great depreciation in values.

"Blood and other parts of an animal, now wholly lost, or not properly utilized, are thrown away, and will be sold in an abattoir merely pay the expense of conducting such an abattoir."

Eggs was found guilty of pettiness, and sent to jail for six months.

THE TAYLOR ELECTRIC COMPANY.

The Taylor Electric Company has been organized as follows: A. W. Gardner, president; J. Taylor, vice-president; J. E. McKinney, secretary; Meredith Montague, treasurer. Board of directors: A. W. Gardner, J. Taylor, Elyson, Thomas, Poole, J. L. Taliaferro, Wirt, C. T. and E. L. Moore, D. C. McLean. The company is engaged in the manufacture of electrical machinery and fixtures, a line outting, which is taken advantage of daily by hundreds of people.

The work of the Soldiers' and Sailors' monument at Libby Hill is going forward as rapidly as possible, and will be completed in a month or two.

"Our present system, or lack of system, makes necessary the driving of nearly all cattle, sheep, and hogs brought to this market, and the drivers. This is a nuisance in itself, and it also causes a great waste in weight of the stock."

The company will apply to-morrow before Judge B. R. Wellford, of the Circuit Court, for a charter.

PERSONAL MENTION.

People Going Away and Returning--Doing This and That.

Hon. Samuel B. Witt went down to Virginia Beach yesterday afternoon.

Hon. H. W. Florynay, secretary of the Commonwealth, has returned to the city.

Mr. E. B. Grymes and A. B. Gunton will next go to Ethelwood, in Henrico county.

Mr. Thomas P. Campbell, president of the Common Council, went with the Old Dominion Yacht and Fishing Club on their annual cruise.

Colonel J. T. Anthony and wife, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. E. A. Edwards, left for Europe, via New York, on June 1.

Mr. Anthony was summoned to Richmond to attend the sudden death of his father, Mr. E. A. Flanhart, which was mentioned in THE TIMES Wednesday.

NOTES ABOUT TOWN.

Local Happenings That Require Little Space to Relate.

The earnings of the Richmond and Petersburg railroad for June, 1890, were \$1,350,088, expenses, \$2,699,25, and the earnings of the Petersburg railroad for same month were \$7,767,57, expenses, \$28,975,62.

Beginning with this week's number, the Critic, the society journal of Richmond, passes into new hands, having been purchased by Major Dooley, who is the author of "Major Dooley," You will find it in the streets yesterday afternoon, and the motor was found to be a very strong and effective one. The company will apply to-morrow before Judge B. R. Wellford, of the Circuit Court,

A BILL OF COMPLAINT.

Spy Comments on Current Needs by a Young Woman.

A West-End girl writes as follows to THE TIMES: "You who are so liberal in your views, please give this a small place in your valuable paper. I have carefully read the many views of Richmond and the comments you have made upon them. Our capitalists should build more houses, and invest more of their money in building, and the business men should be better acquainted with the wants of the people."

The city is in a great state of affairs. There are many who are in a great deal of trouble, and when he gets out the owner has to spend almost one year's rent in repairing it sufficiently to make it presentable for a reasonable rent.

A CITY COMMITTEEMAN.

I do not care to express my opinion on the subject through the newspapers, but my private opinion is this: The tenants of Richmond are to blame. Many of them have very bad taste, and are servants they employ are equally so, consequently the property is not taken care of. Property owners are continually complaining about this, and the rents are necessarily high to pay for repairs, but for money expected, there is no room for a reasonable rent.

On the western suburbs you can find a great number of the citizens here to take every advantage of their tenants, and charge too exorbitant rents for their houses.

WEST END.

Changes Made by Progress in a Very Few Years.

The wonderful improvements that have been in progress in the West End for the past year are a feature in the development of Richmond, which is worthy of comment. Only a few years ago the now beautiful West End was the poorest looking and most uninviting portion of the city.

Barracks fields have been converted into beautiful parks and lawns, and the woodman's axe has telling the trees to make place for schools and a theatre.

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INTERNAL REVENUE LAW.

Mr. J. C. Schutte Charged with Violating It and is Arrested.

Mr. Joseph C. Schutte, a cigar dealer yesterday near Third street, was arrested on charges of violating the internal revenue laws, and it was charged that he was to be sent to your office or else to prison.

THE RIVERMEN'S WORK.

RICHMOND, VA., July 26.—Special—

The wonderful improvements that have been in progress in the West End for the past year are a feature in the development of Richmond, which is worthy of comment. Only a few years ago the now beautiful West End was the poorest looking and most uninviting portion of the city, but the only popular pleasure ground there.

But the good work goes on. The people are not satisfied with this wonderful growth, but continue to erect even finer residences

and sanctuaries. The workman's hammer is sounding the notes of progress for many years until night. The work that has been done is solid and unshakable in its limbs know no more, and are welcoming new and remedied ones in their stead. The city limits do not extend these improvements, but way out beyond the old line, which was drawn twenty years, marks the city of Richmond, this new buildings are rapidly being built.

An active canvas was begun yesterday for a guarantee fund for a Fair to be held in Richmond next month for a preliminary hearing. Mr. James Augustine went on the bond.

IN THE COURTS.

POLICE COURT.—George Haney, charged with being a person of unsound mind, case dismissed.

Moses Norman, alias Robert Smith (colored), charged with stealing one overcoat valued \$15, the property of — McGilvray. Continued until August 1st.

Maggie Hill and Waverly Hill, charged with stealing one chicken. Continued until July 29th.

William Valentine (colored), being a person of undetermined character, Security \$400 required for thirty days.

John Collins, drunk. Security \$100 required for thirty days.

John Phillips, drunk and disorderly. Security \$100 required for thirty days.

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